

Tomorrow, we celebrate our friendship and partnership, or as President Park recently said: "the most successful alliance in history." I couldn't agree more.

America is here to help South Korea, as they are here to help us.

That's what friends do for each other.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. J. HERMAN BLAKE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. J. Herman Blake as we celebrate over forty five years of his contributions to higher education. Dr. Blake continues to be a celebrated educator, and we join together in praise of his remarkable academic and cultural contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Born John Herman Blake in Mount Vernon, New York on March 15, 1934, Dr. Blake grew up with six siblings and was raised by a single mother, Lylace E. Blake. Dr. Blake served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and furthered his education with the assistance of the G.I. Bill by graduating from New York University with a B.A. degree in sociology. Dr. Blake went on to receive his M.A. degree and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Blake's exemplary academic career has spanned over four decades as a professor, scholar and administrator at a wide array of institutions. He served an eighteen year tenure at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) where he became the first African American on faculty as the Assistant Professor of Sociology. Dr. Blake also served as the founding Provost of Oakes College at UCSC. Following his tenure at UCSC, Dr. Blake went on to serve as President of Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

He has also held positions at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, Mills College in Oakland, California, served as the Vice Chancellor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, and served as the Director of African American Studies at Iowa State University. Dr. Blake retired from Iowa State University as Professor of Sociology-Emeritus and served most recently as Scholar in Residence and founding Director of the Sea Islands at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort. Currently, Dr. Blake is the Inaugural Humanities Scholar in Residence at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Throughout his prolific career, Dr. Blake has focused on academic achievement of students from minority and/or low-wealth communities. His important work not only focuses on maximizing student achievement and closing disparate learning gaps between our young people, but also focuses on Gullah communities in South Carolina and Black militants in urban communities.

Dr. Blake has earned myriad accolades, including Iowa Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. He has been awarded six honorary degrees and two presidential medals.

As a student at Mills College, I had the privilege to benefit from Dr. Blake's amazing intellect. Also, I worked with him as a researcher for his book, the autobiography of Huey P. Newton, *Revolutionary Suicide*. He taught me how to conduct and present thorough research and to this day, these skills I learned under Dr. Blake's tutelage have benefitted my work tremendously. Dr. Blake took me under his wings and encouraged me to study hard. He saw something in me that I did not see. He was patient and kind but he was determined to push my intellect and help me understand I could achieve the American dream regardless of the difficulties I faced as a young single mother on public assistance. For that, I am forever grateful.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. J. Herman Blake, I salute you. You have touched countless lives in profound ways throughout your career, and we wish you continued success and happiness. Thank you for your continued work, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

HONORING TED WELCH

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are citizens making up this great country who never cease in offering themselves to their communities while improving the quality of our lives. I rise today to celebrate the time, talents, and treasures of Ted Welch as he retires from decades of active philanthropy.

Ted Welch grew up in a one-room schoolhouse in Decatur County, Tennessee. He joined Southwestern Publishing Company as a student salesman and manager in 1953. During his tenure there, he served as Executive Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee. Working for Southwestern, selling books door-to-door, Ted exemplified the true value of hard work. Thankfully, that service did not stop with his tenure at Southwestern, nor after building a real estate empire. Ted served as a Deacon and Elder at Vice Street Christian Church, former board member of Lexington Theological Seminary, and as a part of the foundation of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Ted Welch has spent his life's work following his passions. As he worked to shape the direction of the country, he labored to shape the direction of the next generation of community leaders. Whether by selling Bibles or actively participating in democracy, it is no simple statement that more have encountered truth and freedom due to Ted Welch's work. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all Ted Welch has offered to the great state of Tennessee and our beloved country. We join with his wife, his children, and his grandchildren in offering our deepest gratitude for his life's work.

PHYLLIS REYNOLDS-HEBB

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for her commitment to early childhood education.

Phyllis's story begins when she enrolled her daughter in New Child Montessori School in Arvada and realized the potential of the Montessori Method. She resigned from her job at the United States Geological Survey and went to work at the Montessori school.

In 1983, the opportunity to purchase the New Child Montessori School presented itself. Phyllis bought the school, renamed it Cornerstone Montessori School and eventually moved the school to the Applewood area. In January of 1997, Phyllis purchased the property at 15970 West 50th Avenue and renovations to the buildings began. Cornerstone Montessori School moved to its current location at the end of May 1997.

Phyllis continued growing the school and extending into the community with a Toddler Program in 2004 and expanded the Spanish Language Program in 2005. Cornerstone Montessori School currently provides dual language Montessori classrooms for preschool and kindergarten aged children. Cornerstone has come full circle with three people on staff who attended Cornerstone as preschoolers and several students who are children of former preschoolers and kindergartners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for thirty years of providing early childhood education to our future leaders. I have no doubt Phyllis will continue to provide adventure, learning and fun to all of her students.

WELCOMING THE NINTH HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA TO WASHINGTON, DC

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its ninth and final flight to Washington, DC, on May 8, 2013. I am honored to insert this tribute in the RECORD on the anniversary of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the allies.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Nearly seven decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—